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in speaking at conferences and meetings. The Rev. Edward A. McMasters, of Saratoga, N. Y., has kindly offered to give a portion of his time to work about the State, and it is possible that others can be found who will assist in the same way.

In regard to the organization of New Jersey, it is yet an open question whether to have a State society or to have local societies with those from the southern portion affiliated with the Pennsylvania Society and with those in the northern section, like Newark, associated with the New York Society. One thing is certain: that in these sections of the country, as elsewhere, there is, through the public press, a greater amount of propaganda than has ever been seen before. People are thinking deeply, and it is hoped that the interest which they seem to feel may be capitalized in favor of more and better organization.

The Peace Convention at Chattanooga.

By James J. Hall.

It seemed especially fitting that the American Peace Society's work in the great State of Tennessee should begin in Chattanooga, and that a message of peace to all men should go forth from a city once in the throes of war, but now forging to the front with great industries and happy homes. Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and Chickamauga all testify to the death struggle of the war of '61-'65; but literally here in Chattanooga the sword is turned into the plowshare, for the chief industry is that of agricultural implements, and Chattanooga plows are known and used throughout the entire South. The city is aggressive and optimistic; her schools are among the best; her newspapers read by hundreds of thousands of readers, and her pulpits manned by able men.

We spent no little time on former visits to arrange for a peace convention, and had much encouragement from the chamber of commerce, the churches, and the schools. Had it not been for the depressed condition now being felt very much in certain parts of the South owing to the European war, the backing of the business men would have been more pronounced. But we had a good convention. The ladies of the city did much in bringing together the schools at the educational rally. Commissioner Hon. H. Clay Evans presided at this meeting, and very helpful addresses were made by Arthur D. Call, of Washington, D. C., and W. D. Upshaw, editor of the *Golden Age*. Dr. George R. Stuart, of Knoxville, had a splendid audience on Friday night, the 23d, presided over by the mayor of the city. The address was on "The Peacemakers," and was an earnest plea for peace from the education of a child to the government of a nation. To him all war between nations is wrong, and the possible benefit of any war could be secured by peaceful methods, while the whole teaching of the New Testament condemns war. On Saturday afternoon James J. Hall gave an address on the lessons of the one hundred years of peace between Great Britain and the United States. Sunday afternoon Dr. T. S. McCallie presided; some excellent music was furnished by a full chorus from St. Luke's Church; a very able address was made by Mrs. Hyde, of Chattanooga, on the

pageantry of war; Arthur D. Call made the principal speech, in which he outlined in a very telling way what should be the attitude of the peace societies now while the nations across the seas are at war, and what are the demands upon us not only in the present, but for the world's future. Prof. S. F. Weston followed, and explained in an interesting manner the work of the Intercollegiate Peace Association.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted and a State organization effected. The convention was held in the large auditorium of the First Baptist Church, and we are under much obligation to the church, and especially the pastor, Dr. W. F. Powell, who aided us in every way possible.

The ministers of the city deserve our hearty thanks for the splendid way they stood by us, and in their association meeting the local expenses of the convention. This we believe is but the beginning of a great peace work throughout the State of Tennessee.

The following are the resolutions adopted:

We believe that war as a measure of settling international disputes represents the ethics of a passing civilization.

We view with unutterable sorrow the horrors spread daily before us by the nine nations now at war.

We believe the end of this wasting scourge of madness and of slaughter—for end there will be—must mark the birth of a newer and a better age, of a social reconstruction on the bases of needs and ideas rather than of selfish, unworthy ambitions and unreasoning force.

But this new era will not come of itself. It must follow the steps of popular education in the direction of reason and justice, rather than of vanity and of force. It will necessarily mean the removal of race and religious antagonisms, the abolition of militarism with all its dangerous profits in war, and the establishment of all necessary machinery for the codification of international law and the execution thereof.

We commend our own Government for its high stand upon international matters—the repeal of the Panama Canal tolls act, and that in the name of national honor; the fine self-restraint in the presence of real aggravations in Mexico; the twenty-eight treaties setting up as many commissions of inquiry, all in the interest of peace between ourselves and foreign nations, and the spirit of neutrality urged in behalf of a peaceful termination of the present war by our discerning statesman, the President of the United States.

We believe in America more than ever; in the principle that righteous governments can exist only by the free consent of the governed, and that this doctrine is especially vital at this time for all nations, if they would close the present unholy strife with the dawn of a permanent international peace.

Therefore we have welcomed for Chattanooga such a conference as this, with its prospects of an effective Tennessee Peace Society. We wish well the American Peace Society, the Intercollegiate Peace Association, and every kindred agency interested in the new and better world order, for we still believe that the governments will yet beat their swords into plowshares and learn war no more.

Your committee further recommends that a Tennessee Peace Society be now formed, and those present this afternoon be considered as charter members, and we suggest Hon. A. W. Chambliss as president; Rev. Dr. Geo. R. Stuart, of Knoxville; Rev. Dr. James I. Vance, of Nashville; Hon. John R. Pepper, of Memphis, as vice-presidents, and Dr. J. J. Hall as secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

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